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No. 8/8/2021-MAG/L&O/(Vol.II)/860

Read: Order No. 8/8/2021-MAG/L&O/(Vol.II)/724
dated 18-3-2021.

The Order read above issued under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1973 stands rescinded with immediate effect.

Given under my hand and seal of this office this 31st day of March, 2021.

Ajit Roy, IAS,
District Magistrate,
North Goa.

Order

No. 8/8/2021-MAG/L&O/(Vol.II)/889

Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

Whereas, the Goa State Election Commission announced the schedule for Mapusa Municipal Council Elections and Bye-Election to Ward No. II of Karapur-Sarvan village to be held on 23rd April, 2021 (Friday) and the Election Code of Conduct has come into force from 30-03-2021.

And whereas, as directed by the Goa State Election Commission, the District Administration is

required to ensure free, fair and peaceful conduct of the above elections;

And whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, and impose ban for carrying of all type of arms, firearms, and other lethal weapons, to ensure free, fair, peaceful, and orderly conduct of the Election process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or cause danger to human life, or safety, or disturbance of public tranquility or riot, of any affray during the electioneering period;

And whereas, the boundaries being porous and areas being very close to each other with free flow of movement between areas, it is expedient to enforce the ban in the whole district for peaceful conduct of elections;

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time to all the licensed Arms Holders in North Goa District.

Now therefore, I, Ajit Roy, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District, Panaji, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P. C., 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all types of arms, fire arms, ammunition lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road squares, thoroughfare, by lanes, or in any open place in entire District of North Goa with immediate effect until further orders;

Further, all the Arms License holders in North Goa District are directed to deposit all their fire arms at the nearest Police Stations of their respective Jurisdiction with effect from 07-04-2021 to 12-04-2021. All the firearms deposited will be

returned to the license holders after five days from counting i.e. after the election process is over;

Further, it is also made known that, any person not wanting to deposit a weapon is free to represent to this office for seeking exemption with the reasons thereto. If any person has a threat to his or her person/property, he/she should approach the Director General of Police, for providing necessary security by the Police, but under no circumstances will any person be allowed to carry his own personal licensed firearm/s or otherwise except with special permission or exemption granted by the undersigned.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to Public Servants/Police/Defence Personnel and Security Personnel on duty/sports persons who are members of National Rifle Association of India, responsible persons of Banks and its retainers and to those members of the community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage, unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 7th day of April, 2021.

Ajit Roy, IAS,
District Magistrate & MCEO,
North Goa District,
Panaji-Goa.

Order

No. 8/8/2021-MAG/L&O/(Vol.II)/892

**Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal
Procedure Code, 1973**

Read: 1. Order No. 8/8/2021-MAG/L&O/(Vol.I)
dated 26-03-2021.

Whereas, a fresh surge in COVID-19 cases is being witnessed in some parts of the country, and the situation might further aggravate due to social/religious/sports/entertainment/educational/cultural or any other form of gatherings,

And whereas, in order to contain the spread of the said pandemic, certain measures are required to be taken;

And whereas, it is essential to enforce social distancing of people to prevent the spread of the disease;

And whereas in my considered opinion, there is sufficient grounds for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 to take preventive steps to contain the spread of Virus.

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving, in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in me under sub-section (2) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, I hereby pass the order ex-parte.

Now therefore, I, Ajit Roy, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District, in exercise of the power vested in me under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, do hereby impose the following restrictions/ban in North Goa District:

Social/religious/sports/entertainment/educational/cultural or any other form of gatherings, shall be allowed subject to following limits:

- For halls of maximum capacity upto 100, gathering upto maximum of 50% of the hall capacity or a maximum of 50 persons whichever is lower and;
- For halls with capacity of more than 100, gathering will be permissible upto 50% of its capacity or maximum of 100 persons, whichever is lower and;
- For open premises and grounds, gathering upto 50% of its capacity or maximum gathering of people upto 200 persons, whichever is lower.

Any person contravening this order shall be punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

As the notice cannot be served individually on all concerned, the order is hereby passed ex-parte.

This order shall come into force from 08-04-2021 superseding the Order No 8/8/2021-MAG/L&O/(VOL-I) dated 26-03-2021.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, this 07th day of April, 2021.

Ajit Roy, IAS,
District Magistrate,
North Goa.

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